2012 MCC Budget - \$43.2k (excl In-Kind) ■ Gifts - \$150 (\$33.3k) ■ Fundraising ■ Warrant Article ■ Town Appropriation ■ In-Kind Services TRAIL LAND **ADMINISTRATION PROTECTION** MAINTENANCE Outreach Easement Bridges Support Kiosks Monitoring Brush clearing Fundraising Management plans Tree removal Purchase Monitoring **Current MCC Funds** \$1.2k Engineering **Studies** Operating \$21.7k Rail Trail **FUND RESTRICTIONS:** Land Fund 'Rail Trail' - Rail Trail maintenance only ■ Town Forest \$19.3k 'Land Fund '- Land protection only 'Town Forest' – Town Forest maintenance only



WHAT WE HAVE BEEN UP TO....



MONTHLY 4th SATURDAY HIKES





Over 100 folks joined Commissioner led hikes on the trails managed by the Trails Committee





They manage volunteers and trail work that keeps our trails open and welcoming. In 2012, over 30 volunteers donated 1574 hours of labor. This saved the town over \$34,000.

GHOST TRAIN RAIL TRAIL RACES





This was the 4th running of the GTRT Races. There were 275 registered runners; 14 of whom completed the 100Mile Ultra Race and 2 who ran 105 miles. There were runners from Alaska to Quebec, Canada who are looking forward to the 2013 event. Their registration fees help fund the trail improvements.

PUMPKIN FESTIVAL























EXPO



What We Have Done.....and What Still Needs Doing

TRAILS

19 miles of trail to keep open - bridges to maintain – kiosks to update

Improved 1.5miles of the Granite Town Rail Trail

- Still need to improve 1.5 miles of trail surface
- Still need to improve the Armory Rd and Melendy Rd crossings

New Bridge on the Souhegan River Trail – West

- The bridge built by Dave Wheeler and with his donated materials still needs a ramp
- The trail surface needs to be improved with wider path and reduced invasive knotweed

LAND CONSERVATION

Monitoring of Conservation Easements

Protected 35 acres of land as part of the long-range plan for the Neighborhoods to Wilderness Trail System

- An easement needs to be approved
- The property will need to be surveyed and added to the yearly monitoring list

Outreach:

- Pumpkin Festival booth distributed more than 50 trail maps
- Chamber of Commerce Expo distributed more than 30 trail maps
- Regional Open Space Team host monthly meetings of the regional conservation commissions
- Boys and Girls Club Health and Fitness Day
- Recreation Department worked with them for :
 - Great Parks Day event
 - NH Walk Week ;-hosted a hike
- Direct outreach
 - Monthly guided hikes on Milford trails
 - Educational programs such as Timber Harvesting Methods



Granite Town Rail Trail

WORKING LIST GENERATED 2009

Section 1 – DPW to Union Street

- Widen trail by brush clearing
- •Grade surface
- •Resurface with RAPP
 - •Top surface with 3/4" stone dust
- •Cut guard rail to allow bike/stroller passage
- ✓•Paint cross walk and install crossing signs
- Union St road sign posted on trail

Section 2 – Union Street to Armory Rd

- Widen trail by brush clearing
- •Remove trees to obtain 8' width as needed
- ✓•Replace 2 broken culverts with longer and bigger pipe
- •Grade surface and remove bridge over eroded swale
- Obtain permission from NHDOT to improve trail section between Union Street and the 101 tunnel
- Bench the trail section north and parallel to Rt.101 and spread RAPP to fill in low spots and cover rocks
 - •Finish surface with ¾ in stone dust
 - •Rework access to Armory Rd bridge? Switchback path?
- Armory Rd sign posted on trail both sides of Armory Rd



Section 3 - Armory Rd to Melendy Rd

- Rework access from Armory Rd
- Remove berm along Talarico driveway
- Clear brush to maximize width of trail ongoing
 - •Switchback transition from rail trail to Johnson Easement
- Repair bridge transition from Johnson Easement to rail trail
 - •Remove encroaching trees near Mack property ongoing
 - •Reinstall Melendy Rd bridge
 - Open the guard rail for stroller, bike and hiker ease
 - Resurface with RAPP
 - •Finish surface with ¾ in stone dust
 - Manage wet area at the base of Melendy Rd

Section 4 – South of Melendy Rd

- parking at Melendy Rd crossing
- Repair washed out section
- •Fix collapsed area near power lines
- •Extend culvert and rebuild retaining wall
- Brush clearing to maximize trail width
 - Resurface with RAPP
 - •Finish surface with ¾ in stone dust
 - Place a kiosk at Milford/Brookline town line













